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Genoua, March 11.

YEsterday in the Evening arrived here the French Gallies from *Legborne*, and this Morning departed again homewards. The *Assurance* Frigat, Sir *Robert Robinson*, Commander, departs to Morrow, and in his company goes the *Italian Merchant*, and the *Devonshire*; and will call at *Ouegia* for five English Ships, that are lading Oyls there; here is arrived another Dutch Ship with Herrings.

Viena, March 12. Count *Lamberg* is returned from *Berlin*, and Count *Lobcowitz* from the Court of *Bavaria*, having had different successes in their Negotiations, For the Elector of *Brandenburg* could not, it seems, be prevailed with to enter into any Engagements at this time. But the Elector of *Bavaria* is said to be ready to joyn with the Emperor in the measures he shall think fit to take in the present Conjuncture. The Advices we receive from *Hungary*, of the preparations the Turks are making on the Frontiers, do a little allarm us; though at the same time we are told, that at the *Port* the Imperial Minister receives fresh Assurances of the Grand Signiors firm Resolution to maintain the Peace and Friendship between the two Empires.

Brussels, March 17. The thirty Horse that the Prince of *Parma* sent to *Luxemburg* with Salt, were met by a Party of 100 French Horse, who obliged them to retire to *Namur*, with the loss of three or four of their company, who were killed or taken prisoners. We have Advice by an Express from *Ostend*, that 350 Spaniards, and 500 Italians are Landed there, for the recruiting the Regiments of those Nations in the Service of these Countreys, and that the rest were coming into that Port, being in all 2700 Men, very well Armed. We are with great impatience expecting the return of Monsieur *d' Agurto* from the *Hague*; and are concerned the States do thus delay their Answer to the Instances he has made, concerning the relief of *Luxemburg*; and perhaps when it does come, it will not be to the satisfaction of this Court. Monsieur *del Val* is returned to *Paris*, where he will not stay long, being appointed by the King of *Spain* to reside at *Cologne*, with the Character of his Envoye to the Princes on the *Rhine*. The Letters from *Lille* of the 15th Instant say, That that day the Queens Regiment of Dragoons marched from thence to reinforce the Troops that are employed in the Blockade of *Luxemburg*.

Brussels, March 20. We are expecting the Marquiss *de Grana*, whose arrival it's believed will produce some important Resolutions in the Councils here; the general saying is, that he comes with Orders to relieve the City of *Luxemburg*: but this is a Matter, of which the success will very much depend upon the Resolution of the States-General, for without their assistance there cannot be much done. From *Lille* of the 18th Instant they write, that the Mareschal *d' Humieres* had issued Orders for the providing a very considerable number of Pioneers, Waggons, and Horses, to attend a Train of Artillery, which were to be ready to march upon the first Orders. That a great many Troops that had had their Quarters in *France*, were come into the new Conquests; and that all the Officers had positive Orders to repair to their Commands. From *Luxemburg* they write, that the Mareschal *de Crequi* was marched with part of the Troops that were encamped at *Arlon*, towards *Strasburg*, upon the Advice he had, that some of the Imperial Forces were coming down towards the *Rhine*; and that the Burghers of *Strasburg* seemed thereupon to entertain Thoughts of recovering their Liberty.

Hague, March 20. The States have had very earnest Debates upon the Matters before them, and particularly that concerning the 8000 Men demanded by *Spain*, which it's said, they have at last resolved to give, but upon condition, the Spaniards make good what they promised; which was, to have an Army of 30000 Men on foot in the *Spanish-Netherlands*, and to bring a Body of 17 or 18000 Men into the Field, leaving the rest to secure their Garrisons. The 17th Instant *Thomas Chudleigh*, Esq; Envoye Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, was conducted in the usual manner to his first Audience of the States-General. They write from *Brussels*, that they were expecting there the Marquiss *de Grana*, and that till his arrival the publick Affairs there seemed to be at some stand.

Paris, March 21. The Marquiss *de Boufflers*, whom the King had appointed to Command his Forces towards *Fonterabia*, is ordered to return hither; and the Troops that were at *Bayonne*, are Commanded to march to *Rousillon*, whither the King is sending Monsieur *de Navailles*. From the *Rhine* we have an account, that the Kings Troops having lately possessed themselves of the Castle of *Aremberg*, they are now fortifying it, being a Post whereof great use may be made, and therefore the neighbouring Princes are very uneasie to see it in the hands of the French. Our last Letters from the *Meuse* informed us, that the Mareschal *de Crequi* was encamped at *Arlon* with a Body of 16000 Men, which he could very quickly increase, if he saw there was any occasion for it; but hitherto we do not hear the Spanish Troops do move, for the executing their design of relieving *Luxemburg*; nor do we believe they will, till the arrival of the Marquiss *de Grana*, who is to Command all the King of *Spain*'s Forces in *Flanders*, with the Title of Governor of Arms; and till the States-General of the *United-Provinces* have given an Answer to the Demand that has been made by the Spanish Ministers at the *Hague*; that the States would, according to their Treaty, assist the King of *Spain* with 8000 Men for the relief of *Luxemburg*; upon which we are told there have been very warm Debates in the Assembly of the States of *Holland*.

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